

## WHAT PROJECTS ARE PLANNED FOR 2000?

### With your fees, we will:

- Install a portable toilet at the Deer Creek River Access Site
- Install more signs to improve safety within the river corridor
- Install a sign to enhance safety at the Lower Confluence River Access Site
- Construct a crosswalk at Highway 17 to improve safety at the Deadwood River Access Site
- Improve collection of garbage
- Continue site maintenance at same level
- Continue coordinated safety support with Boise County Sheriff
- Provide sanitation at Big Falls (if funds allow)

### What's Changing in 2000?

- Fees will no longer be collected at the Porter Creek River Access Site
- Fees will be collected at the Deer Creek River Access Site

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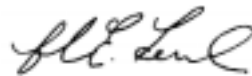
As we begin the third year of implementing the Payette River Recreation Fee Demonstration program, we want to thank boaters and other river users for their increasing support of, and participation in, this effort to improve the quality of recreation in the river corridor.

Over the last two years, the program has generated a total of nearly \$80,000 through the sale of annual and day passes and outfitter and guide fees. All of this money has been retained - and about half of it has been spent - to maintain and improve recreation facilities on the Payette River.

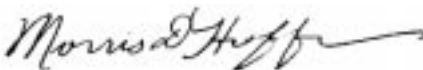
As boaters and other river users have seen the results of the Payette River Recreation Fee Demonstration program on the ground, the number of boaters and other river users who voluntarily buy day and annual passes has substantially increased.

We would like to extend a special thanks to the representatives of river users, communities, and local and state government agencies impacted by recreational use of the Payette River who have volunteered their time to help us determine the best way to spend the funds generated by the Payette River Recreation Fee Demonstration program. These people have proven that when people with different interests sit down and roll up their sleeves, common ground can be found.

Thank you again for your support and please continue to stay involved in the Payette River Recreation Fee Demonstration Program.



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## PAYETTE RIVER RECREATION COMPLEX

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## RECREATION FEE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

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*The Payette River is one of the most popular whitewater boating spots in Idaho.*

### HOW MUCH MONEY DID WE COLLECT?

From the sales of parking passes: \$23,721  
 From outfitter and guide fees: \$18,896

**Total: \$42,617**

### HOW MANY PASSES DID WE SELL?

Annual Passes - 278 @ \$30.00  
 Daily Passes - 5,127 @ \$3.00

**Total Passes: 5,405**

### HOW WERE YOUR FEES SPENT?

\$1,700	to construct staircases to the river at the Deer Creek River Access Site to minimize resource damage
\$3,252	to improve highway signing along the river corridor to enhance safety
\$1,287	on trash removal and sanitation
\$2,272	for cleaning of river access sites
\$7,229	to improve operations and maintenance by hiring a seasonal employee to maintain and monitor all of the project sites.
\$4,775	to Boise County to help offset their costs to provide traffic control, general patrols, and search and rescue within the river corridor
\$5,967	for vendors' commissions, banking fees, and fee collection costs
<b>\$26,482</b>	<b>Total Spent</b>
<b>\$16,137</b>	<b>Carry Over to 2000 Projects</b>

### DID YOU KNOW?

Outfitter and guides who operate on federal lands are required to pay 3% of their adjusted gross income generated on that federal land to the government. That is to compensate taxpayers who own the land. Usually that money goes to the U.S. Treasury. This demonstration project has allowed outfitter and guide fees to stay at the site to help make improvements which benefit all river users.

### WHAT IS THE RECREATION FEE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM?

Congress authorized federal agencies to collect recreation fees around the nation on a trial basis for a 5-year period. Boise National Forest and the BLM began collecting fees at river access sites along the Payette River on May 16, 1998. The purpose of the fees is to generate money to fund much-needed operations, maintenance, repairs, and improvements in the river corridor. This authority allows and requires federal agencies to apply the fees collected to the sites, rather than returning the fees to the U.S. Treasury.

### HOW DO YOU DECIDE HOW TO SPEND THE FEES?

The BLM and the Boise National Forest decide how to spend the fees generated by the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program based on the recommendations of a working group that consists of representatives of boaters, communities affected by recreational use of the Payette River, and local and state government agencies that provide river recreation support services. This group has been chartered by the BLM's Resource Advisory Council and includes representatives from Idaho Whitewater Association, Payette River outfitters, Boise County, Garden Valley and Horseshoe Bend Chambers of Commerce, Idaho Department of Transportation, local landowners, and the public-at-large.

The projects planned for 2000 are a result of this group's recommendations, as well as the comments we received from river users who took the time to write us. We will be working on these projects throughout the coming year. If you would like to provide input on how to spend the fees, please send written comments to Bill Hagdorn, BLM, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705 or e-mail to [bill\\_hagdorn@blm.gov](mailto:bill_hagdorn@blm.gov).